THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Government have set up a Committee to examine the need for additional, refining capacity in the Eighth Plan and its report is awaited.

Issue of 'Leltters of Intent' for setting up Industries in Orissa

1243. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa is one of the in dustrially backward States in the country;

(h) whether Government of Orissa has sent proposals for the issue of letters of intent for setting up industries in various parts of Orissa; and

(c) if so, the number of cases in which letters of intent have been issued and what are the steps taken by Government to clear the remaining pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) During the, calendar years 1985 to 1988 (upto 31-10-88), 71 applications were received from the various State Government Undertak ings/Corporations in Orissa. Out of these, 27 applications have been ap proved and letters of intent granted to the concerned undertakings. Of the remaining 44 applications, 38 have been rejected/otherwise disposed of and the rest 6 are at various stages of proceedings.

Assistance provided to the backward area districts of Tamil Nadu

1244. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to 6tate:

(a) what *is* the number of districts in Tamil Nadu which have been de clared as backward areas and the upto date details of the assistance provided by the Central Government for their development since the decla ration and the amount spent so far out of it; and

(b) what is the number of indus tries set up so far in such districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) 9 Districts in Tamil Nadu have been identified as industrially backward districts by tbe Central Government. From the inception of the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme in 1971 and upto 31-10-1988, an amount of Rs. 68.28 crores has been reimbursed to Tamil Nadu as central subsidy for setting up of industries in these backward districts.

(b) The number of Letters of Intent (LOI), Industrial Licences (ILs), Delicensed Industries Registrations (DLR) and DGTD Registrations issued for setting UD industries in these districts during the last 3 years is given below: —

	LOI	LI	DLR	DGTD REGN.
1985	47	68	21	61
1986	48	23	56	42
1987	68	14	38	18

Upto 1987, 76836 (provisional) permanent Small Scale Industries Registrations have been issued to Tamil Nadu (including backward areas).